



The Bedford Police Department enforces Massachusetts General Laws and certain by-laws of the Town. The Department serves to protect life and property, control traffic, obtain evidence and apprehend those who are alleged to have violated the law. The Department is required to maintain records, reports and statistics, and to report this information to the FBI and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The collection and reporting of crime data is processed through electronic transfer using the FBI's new NIBRS system. A primary function of the records department is the collection and dissemination of reports to insurance companies to assist policyholders in the recovery of losses from accidents, property damage and theft. The Police Prosecutor prepares cases for court, completes all the necessary records for trial, prosecutes misdemeanors and traffic infractions and is the liaison with the District Attorney's Office for more serious cases. The Detective Bureau conducts investigations, processes crime scenes for evidence, and processes the recovered evidence in collaboration with the State Police Crime Laboratories. The Juvenile Officer is the liaison with the schools, Youth and Family Services and focuses on working with young people in town with special attention to the sale of alcohol and cigarettes to minors. The Crime Prevention Officer presents many programs throughout the year to industry, the Community College, the Council on Aging and community groups. The Communications Officers are responsible for receiving and disseminating all emergency and non-emergency public safety calls from the community. They are the center of the Police and Fire Operations.



**In memory of those lost.... Never forget.
September 11, 2001**

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